

BIOSECURITY

What's that?

A set of **practical measures** to minimize or prevent introduction of infectious diseases onto a farm.



Wash your hands! (*Before and after*)



Shoes transmit diseases too.

These measures keep pathogens from spreading:

- animal to human
- human to animal
- farm to farm
- animal to animal
- country to country

OH! That sounds important!

It is. **Farmers need your help.** Neighbors and visitors need to **respect** farmer's biosecurity concerns and practical measures. Diseases transmit many ways including by air, direct contact, shoes, wild birds, rodents, wildlife and car tires.



Suffering catastrophic loss due to disease is extremely difficult for the farm family—from an emotional and economic standpoint.



What might happen?

Farmers do everything they can to keep animals healthy. Visitors potentially jeopardize the health of the animals. If disease arrives, the catastrophic loss of whole flocks or herds is a very real possibility.

How can I be a good neighbor/visitor?

- Do everything you can to keep the animals healthy, and to protect your own health.
- Do not visit more than one farm per day.
- Stay out of farm fields and stay away from barns.
- Park as far away from a barn as possible.
- NEVER enter a barn without the farmer's permission.
- Clean up after yourself (*trash, fishing line, unused bait, food & wrappers etc*).
- Do not feed or attract wildlife or birds; they carry diseases too.



If **you** have a *backyard* flock or herd, be extra careful! You could transport disease to or from your own animals. Backyard flocks and herds need to follow biosecurity protocols as well!

